GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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IDENTITY CARDS TO VOTERS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for issuance of Electoral Photo Identity Cards with electoral registration officers of Delhi as on March, 31, 2000;

(b) whether any target dates have been fixed by the electoral officers for completing the photo-session and issuing of identity cards to the respective applicants;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether a wide publicity is proposed to be done in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS

(SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) As per the information furnished by the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi, out of a total electorate of 8,707,531, the number of persons issued with Electoral Photo Identity Cards, free from any defects is 5,800,683.The remaining 2,906,848 electors (33%) are yet to be issued Photo Identity Cards.

(b), (c) & (d) No, Sir. According to the Election Commission of India the scheme of issue of photo identity cards to electors is not a project but an on going programme and no time limit can be fixed for completion of such a programme. The registration of electors is a continuous process (excepting for a brief period between the last date for filing nomination and completion of election process). Therefore, the scheme of issue of these Identity Cards to the registered electors is also a continuous programme and every new elector has to be covered by the scheme. The Commission is making efforts to cover the remaining electors and provide them Photo Identity Cards.

(e), (f) & (g) The Election Commission of India will give wide publicity whenever the campaign for the issue of Photo Identity Cards is taken up.